



**CITY OF ILWACO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 9, 2010**

A. Executive Session

Mayor Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Councilmembers Jensen, Chin, Marshall, Greene and Forner were present. On the phone was Attorney Richard Dykstra. Others in the meeting room included Tom Williams, fire chief; PJ Kezele, deputy city clerk; and Gary Kobes, project manager. No decisions were made at the meeting. Mayor Cassinelli adjourned the Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

B. Call to Order

Mayor Cassinelli called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

C. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

D. Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Jensen, Chin, Marshall, Greene and Forner, and Mayor Cassinelli.

E. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Chin requested to add a Discussion Item #4 to discuss entering into a contract with Pacific County for Ilwaco Fire Department to cover the county building on Sandridge Road. Councilmember Greene requested to add a Business Item #2 to accept the Global Mediation Business Proposal. Councilmember Jensen requested Discussion Item #2 on the Steed House be tabled as the Fire Committee has not yet discussed the item.

ACTION: Motion to approve the agenda with changes to add Business Item #2 to accept the Global Mediation Business Proposal and Discussion Item #4 to discuss entering into a contract with Pacific County for Ilwaco Fire Department to cover the county building on Sandridge Road. (Greene/Marshall) 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

F. Approval of Amended Consent Agenda

Councilmember Greene requested to add warrants 25628 to 29634 revising total from \$58,384.56 to \$61,865.34, which is a change of \$3,480.78, and to change item #2C, grand total, to \$85,688.07.

ACTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda with changes to warrants (Greene/Marshall) 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

G. Reports

1. Staff Reports

- a. Police Chief Flint Wright presented a written report for July 2010.
- b. Fire Chief Tom Williams is looking for a surplus four-wheel drive pick-up truck. The vehicles they currently have are so heavy they get stuck when responding to Beard's Hollow. Councilmember Greene asked when we picked up that area. Chief Williams said the city annexed the area five years ago. Gary Forner stated it is in our EMS response area. Greene asked about whether there are other agencies, such as state parks, who could contribute toward the vehicle.
- c. David Poulshock, Planning Commissioner, asked about the state extension for the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Cassinelli said the state extended the deadline one year.
- d. Deputy City Clerk PJ Kezele presented a written collections report dated August 9, 2010, and answered specific questions regarding the data presented.

2. Council Reports

- a. Councilmember Jensen attended global mediation regarding fire hall lawsuit. Also in attendance were Mayor Cassinelli, Councilmember Forner, Project Manager Kobes and Fire Chief Williams.
- b. Councilmember Marshall discussed his research and analysis of the water and sewer rate data. He also stated the Finance Committee will be reviewing retiring debt as a result of the lawsuit results.
- c. Councilmember Greene has joined the Ilwaco Volunteer Fire Department.
- d. Councilmember Forner commented on the mediation. Inside Edition will be doing a piece on the rescue of the young man who fell at Cape D at the end of July.

3. Mayor's Report

The mayor thanked the team that attended the fire hall global mediation and commented in general about the result. He also commented on a letter going out in conjunction with the Health Department regarding the pink water situation that occurred on August 1, and read briefly from a statement by Paul Meyer, lead water treatment plant operator.

H. Comments of Citizens and Guests present

1. Gail Moore commented regarding her request for a fire hydrant on her property.
2. Nelly Beasley asked about when the water bills would be going out. Mayor Cassinelli responded about the new meter reading equipment and how that has impacted the bills going out this month, but in the future bills should be going out in a more timely manner.

I. Business

1. Ordinance establishing a procedure for adjusting water bills resulting from metered water leaks.

Councilmember Marshall restated the purpose of the resolution and discussed some of the prior objections to the resolution. Greene discussed the new meter reading equipment and its ability to detect leaks. Marshall reiterated that it would be up to the customer to come to the city to ask for relief. Mayor Cassinelli talked about the ability of the reader to detect leaks even when not reading meters. Jensen questioned whether someone could let

a leak go and be covered with an adjustment. He also commented on the disincentive to fix a leak that is under the 300% threshold. Marshall clarified that you would still pay up to the 300%. Greene proposed adding a caveat to the ordinance that the customer would not be granted an adjustment after the city has notified the customer of their leak. There are still 90 meters that need to be installed. There was an overall discussion about contracting for the installation of the meters. Greene asked about whether the attorney's review had come back yet, which it had not.

ACTION: No action will be taken until attorney's review has been received.

2. Global Mediation Business Proposal.

ACTION: Motion to approve the mayor to accept the proposed global mediation that was discussed in executive session for \$475,000 (Greene/Chin). A roll call vote was taken. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

J. Discussion

1. Resolution establishing goals to reduce greenhouse gas emission in response to RCW 70.235.

Councilmember Chin presented the details of the resolution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Greene asked if adopting the resolution would make the city more competitive for receiving Transportation Improvement Funds and remove barriers for receiving funds. Jensen asked about where the list presented in Exhibit A came from. Chin compiled the list from many different entities that have adopted similar resolutions. Greene pointed out obstacles for purchasing hybrid vehicles that meet the standards as the city typically buys used pool cars. Jensen had some objections to the limiting of the greenhouse gas emissions terminology. Greene pointed out that the terminology came from the RCW. Jensen has further questions regarding implementing the policies. Greene talked about that level of detail being a series of strategies for implementing the policies. Marshall objected to adopting a policy that amounts to an unfunded mandate. Cassinelli discussed actions the city is already taking that are on the list. Jensen asked about documenting requirements per the RCW and WAC. A request was made to forward Exhibit A to the council for revisions to be compiled by Councilmember Chin.

ACTION: Motion to move the item as modified to business at the next council meeting (Greene/Chin). 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

2. Selling the Steed house property. Councilmember Chin requested that the council make a decision to sell the house in consideration of paying off some debt. Marshall suggested a surveyor help adjust the boundaries to create a sellable piece of property given the confusion on some of the boundary lines. Greene stated that he felt the council had decided to sell the property, but were waiting on a response regarding the Fire Association's desires regarding the Fire Museum. Jensen stated that carving off the museum would leave a substandard lot. He also questioned whether the city should wait to sell the property until the market has improved. Forner asked about insurance costs for the house. Jensen also asked about the cost to reconnect the house to electricity, including necessary upgrades. A general discussion ensued, including some public comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Jensen to provide the mayor with a list of surveyors who could survey the property and the feasibility of a boundary line adjustment.

- 3. First Avenue North Sewer Project.** Councilmember Greene presented a proposal authorizing the mayor to have the city engineer to begin engineering on the First Avenue North sewer line replacement. He discussed a sewer public works trust fund loan that was granted at 1% for five years, which matures July 1, 2014. There would be a 10% match requirement in 2011 of \$6,885. The loan is available until June 2011, so the city would need to proceed by November 2010 at the very latest. There would need to be a discussion of terms and costs with Seaview Sewer District. A general discussion of the issue ensued, including some citizen comments and questions.

ACTION: Motion to move the item to business for action (Forner/Marshall). 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain. Motion to authorize the mayor to have the city engineer to begin engineering on the First Avenue North sewer line replacement (Forner/Greene). A roll call vote was taken. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

- 4. Discuss entering into a contract with Pacific County for Ilwaco Fire Department to cover the county building on Sandridge Road.** Mayor Cassinelli explained the item to the council, with input from Fire Chief Williams. Fire Chief Williams thought it was a good deal given that the building is new and it would bring in revenue to the city. Greene would like to review the proposed agreement and would like a fire inspection of the building. It would include EMS services. Greene also asked about increased EMS calls for the jail holding facilities.

ACTION: The council agreed for the mayor to continue discussions with the county to execute a contract for providing fire and EMS services to the county building on Sandridge Road.

K. Future Discussion: Pending

1. Insurance coverage: Properties not listed on original bid.
2. Stormwater Utility Ordinance.
3. Council Committee Membership
4. Parks Commission Ordinance (added by Councilmember Greene)

L. Adjournment

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting (Greene/Marshall). Mayor Cassinelli adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mike Cassinelli, Mayor

PJ Kezele, Deputy City Clerk